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Communications received by the Motta family from Toni Agatina Motta

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Mid-February, 1980	Toni Agatina Motta left Italy.	ARGENTINA PROJECT (S280000044)
March 20, 1980	Card received from Madrid.	U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS
April 8, 1980	Card received from Mexico.	Margaret P. Grafeld, Director
April 13, 1980	Letter received from Mexico.	(X) Release ( ) Excise ( ) Deny
May 5, 1980	Letter received from Mexico, saying that the same night at 3:00 A.M. they were to take a plane to Lima, Peru. After three or four days, they were going to Ascencion, Paraguay. After two days or so, they would then take the bus to Buenos Aires, Argentina, and would stay there three weeks.	Exemption(s): Declassify: ( ) In Part ( ) In Full ( ) Classify as ( ) Extend as ( ) Downgrade Date Declassify on Reason...
May 9, 1980	Short letter received from Peru, saying that they were leaving the next day for Ascencion, Paraguay.	
May 9, 1980	Card received from Lima, Peru.	
June 4, 1980	Letter received from Bogota, Colombia, saying that they spent three weeks in Buenos Aires.	
Phone Calls	Received from various places along their trip. The last call was the only call received from Argentina.	
August, 1980	Only phone call from Argentina. They were supposed to take the plane that same night to either Paraguay or Uruguay. Phone call was unexpectedly short, and Mrs. Motta (who received the call) realized from the nature of the call that Toni was in a state of fear or imminent danger.	

Since the last call in August, we have not heard from her, nor have we received any mail.

On April 1, 1981, the Motta family made contact with the American Consulate in Palermo, Sicily. The Consulate contacted the American Embassies in the various Latin American countries, asking if there was any information about this american citizen there. The Consulate received negative answers from all, and said therefore that they could not do anything else.

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TONI AGATINA MOTTA

Toni Agatina Motta left Brooklyn for Sicily, Italy in November, 1962. She finished high school in the Stephen Decatur school of Siganella, at the American NATO base in Sicily. She worked for four years as the chief sales person for an american store in Sigonella. She went to Rome to continue her education at John Cabot's University. While she was in Rome, she also worked for the Daily American newspaper. When that newspaper closed, she went to work for the International Daily News.

Toni met Salvatore Privitera and became very involved with him. They were going to get married. She left with him for South America knowing that Salvatore was already in an Argentine prison from 1975 to 1979 under executive powers (PEN), and that he was helped by the Italian government to obtain his release with the agreement that he would not be able to return to Argentina.

Identification:

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Born October 23, 1948  
Jewish Hospital, Brooklyn, New York  
Lived in Brooklyn at 1011 P Avenue.  
U.S. Citizen  
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